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Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Unveils Phase 2 of Enhancements to Cal-Access

SACRAMENTO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today it is now easier for the public and media to retrieve information concerning political contributions and expenditures. Shelley unveiled Phase 2 of his recent enhancements to the Secretary of State online campaign finance reporting search engine, the California Automated Lobbying and Campaign Contribution & Expenditure Search System (Cal-Access).

“These improvements to the Cal-Access system will continue to make government more transparent, and ensure the public can easily obtain information about who is helping to finance campaigns and fund lobbying activity in the State Capitol,” said Secretary of State Kevin Shelley.

Now, users can obtain summary reports of the top 100 contributors to political campaigns and how their contributions are spent. Phase 2 also provides information about lobbying activity and permits users to search lobbyist employers by category. Finally, users will also be able to identify responsible officers connected to political filings

Cal-Access data is derived from campaign and lobbying disclosure statements filed electronically with the Secretary of State’s Political Reform Division.

A User’s Guide can be accessed from the Advanced Reports label on the Secretary of State’s Cal-Access web site at www.ss.ca.gov.